

The Intelligencer.

No. 24 and 27 Fourteenth Street.

In the plan to reduce the number of members of the Fairmount district. The matter is not yet fully decided.

The half million dollars voted by Parliament to promote emigration from Ireland having been expended, it is in order for Parliament to appropriate enough to keep the emigrants out of American almshouses until they can get on their feet. The charity which begins at home should not break out suddenly.

His trouble with Jones, who wanted to be the Democratic candidate for Governor of Kentucky, was that he has been in the State but thirty years. The rash man discovered that no carpet-bagger need apply, and it helped him none to have carpet-bagger from North Carolina. Perhaps Jones' grandson will not be thought too new.

Mr. Gould went out to make the grand tour of his railroads, and to interview the newspapers on the way. A New York exchange says: "He came back talking glowingly of the brilliant prospects, and to all appearances selling his stock as fast as possible." Gould can "fool 'em" every day in the week. Somebody takes the hook as often as the bait.

The New York Legislature leaves the Board of Aldermen of New York City very little to do but squabble over offices. The Legislature and the Board are kept busy, in strange ways, so that a city as New York will consent to be governed, in the smallest local affairs, from the State Capital.

The cyclone of the temperate zone enters the list as a powerful competitor of the earthquake of the tropics. The dispatches full of terrible devastation, come upon the unfortunate in its track almost without a warning. If these visitations are to be frequent there will have to be some effort to accommodate the construction of the houses to the awful possibilities of the situation, as they do in earthquake countries.

As another step in advance, the Philadelphia Press has arranged to print a cable report of the sermons of the great English preacher, Spurgeon. The Press is already in receipt of very full special cable dispatches by its Sunday edition. A large expenditure of money, well directed, is giving Philadelphia a newspaper of great excellence and power. The Press has reached a point where its only effort in its home field is to outstrip itself.

Mr. Conkling's speech at the dinner of the New York Saturday Night Club, reported in the INTELLIGENCER from the New York Times, has been freely commented upon by the press, and, as far as we have seen, in every case with adverse criticism. Mr. Conkling now explains that he did not speak for print and did not know he was being reported; he knew there was present an attaché of the Times, but he thought he was there as a guest, not as a reporter.

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Mr. Campbell's Impressions—The Seafood Resorts.

Garden Truck Farming and Its Importance.

The Value of the Land and Profit of Farming—Uses of the Cotton Seed.

Correspondence of the Intelligencer.

RAY, ST. LOUIS, MISS., May 15.—Some time since I paid a visit to the city of Mobile, eighty-eight miles east of this, situated, as you know, at the head of Mobile bay, an inlet, like our Sound here, from the gulf. I spent a couple of days in that ancient and somewhat sleepy sort of a place quite pleasantly and profitably, and included among the pleasures of my visit a trip down the bay to Point Clear, where there is a huge wooden summer hotel, to which people from Mobile and other parts of the South go for the cool breezes and bathing during the hot months of June, July, August and September. Sometimes I wonder why the people of the Gulf States should go North in the summer in order to keep cool, seeing they have so many resorts of their own on the salt waters of the gulf, but I reflect that change is a necessity not only of our social civilization, but also of our political economy. The people of the mountains must perforce seek the seaboard for that health which oftentimes can only be secured by a change of air, and vice versa, the people of the salt water regions must go to the mountains. Change is the law of our being in all things—in air, in food and in all matters of social and intellectual character.

To me it has been a pleasant change to come down here to this Southern coast, and to enjoy not only its natural advantages, including its balmy breezes, but to mingle with its people, who are in some respects different from any people that I have ever met in any other part of the country. To these people it is of course a commonplace to say that they are a different race, but to me it is a new discovery, and to see what a difference there is between their modes and ideas and those of the active and energetic people who dwell in the regions of snow.

My intercourse of a few days in the doing missionary work for the people of both sections, thanks to the railroad and their cheap excursion rates. I never appreciated railroads and their quickening and broadening tendencies, especially after my horseback explorations and primitive experiences in the Pine Woods region of this State. Let Virgil sing of *Tyrrhus patulus*, *reusibus* *sub tegmine*, and all that sort of thing, and give us the regions where the iron horse sells the wild echoes flying, where the mails come every day instead of every week, where the daily newspaper, with its world wide record of fresh news is easily obtained, and where the people are kept abreast of the times by the daily press. With the modern, not the ancient Virgil, I say "better fifty years of Europe than a cycle of Calvary."

But all this is a digression. I set out to say a few words about Mobile, the principal city of Alabama, and some of its most striking features. Strange what little things in life give us an opinion of, and a liking or a disliking for a place. Stranger still that I should have for so many years associated Mobile with the pen and person of Mr. John Forsyth, editor of the *Register* of that city, now dead, whom I saw in the great "fight in the Baltimore Democratic National Convention of 1860, leading the contest, as far as Alabama was concerned, against Yancey, the secessionist. For his sake I have ever since felt as if I wanted to see and know something of him, and to have him before me as a real pleasure for me to have found him alive and at his old post as editor, but it was a compensating pleasure to see that although dead he was still remembered in the life of a live paper that had left the dead to bury the dead issues of slavery and the war, and was engaged in pointing out to the people of Alabama a new and better way of becoming a prosperous people through the medium of diversified industry.

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BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

IN BELMONT COUNTY LAST YEAR.

Parties Arrested on a Charge of Murder See for Damage by False Arrest—Hunting Dogs—New Coal Shaft—Bellevue, Martin's Ferry and St. Clairsville News.

Last week a dog got into a fine flock of sheep belonging to J. W. Floyd, of Moundsville, and among other valuable animals, killed a \$50 buck.

The Olympic games between the Juniors and Sophomores at Washington and Jefferson College took place Saturday afternoon and was very interesting. Superintendent Crocker, of the Niagara Oil Company, which operated the Buchanan well for so long a time and without success, insists that there is oil in Washington county and is about to make the fourth test.

The Trinity Hall College nine, of Washington, Pa. played a match game of baseball with the Bethany College nine at Bethany, Saturday afternoon. Saturday evening Bethany College chapter of the Delta Delta Delta fraternity gave a banquet.

The parties who were recently tried for the murder of the old man Baker, in Marion county, have brought suit against John J. Martin, of that county, and Detective A. W. Burnett, of Charleston, for causing their arrest on that charge. They lay their damages at \$24,000.

The consecration of St. Patrick's Church in Cumberland on the 10th proximo, promises to be a very imposing affair. It is expected that three bishops and about fifty priests will take part in the ceremonies. Archbishop Gibbons will conduct the ceremonies, and Bishop Kain, of Wheeling, will also be present. An elaborate musical programme is being arranged.

ST. CLAIRSVILLE.

Mayor M. C. Mitchell, of Martin's Ferry, was in town Friday.

Twenty-five teachers attended the examination here on Saturday.

Mrs. Davidson, of Steubenville, is visiting her brother, Mr. Louis Murching.

The band of Turks with monkeys, bears, etc., passed through town Saturday.

Mrs. Ryan, mother of James B. Ryan, had a slight stroke of paralysis on Saturday morning.

Charles Rook, James Beck and Benjamin Zane are in jail for contempt of Court in being present as witnesses before the Grand Jury.

The grand jury did not find a bill against John Richner, for shooting at, with intent to kill, a man named Zane, on Saturday. The indictment was endorsed "not true."

In the case of Mrs. Meek, of Belaire, administratrix vs. Pennsylvania company, operating C. & P. R. R.,